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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: UTILIZATION OF DONAUPARK SPACE

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1. SWISS AMBASSADOR PROBST CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY TOUSSAINT DECEMBER 3 TO PRESENT A "NON-PAPER"
TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS.

QUOTE IN THE LIGHT OF FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE "DONAUPARK"
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL (A/C.5/3L/34), AND THE DIS-
CUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE INTERESTED
PARTIES, THE SWISS VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT CAN NOW BE
ASCERTAINED AS FOLLOWS: -

- THE SWISS AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN DUE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO TOWER A2;

- THE SWISS AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FIRST
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PHASE OF TRANSFERS AS FORMULATED IN THE PHASED PLAN OF

ACTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL;

- THEY FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRANSFERS OF THE SUCCEEDING PHASES SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO THE SOLE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, BUT SHOULD BE DECIDED UPON STEP BY STEP, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT AND ON THE BASIS OF EFFICIENCY CONSIDERATIONS, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN VIEW OF UTILIZATION, AVAILABILITY AND FUTURE NEEDS OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION. (FOR INSTANCE, IN CASE OF THE PROJECTED TRANSFORMATION OF UNIDO INTO A SPECIALIZED AGENCY, IT IS FORESEEABLE THAT ITS NEEDS OF SPACE IN VIENNA WILL INCREASE.)

THE SWISS AUTHORITIES, MOREOVER, FEEL THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT DO NOT ALWAYS COINCIDE WITH THE PRINCIPLES IT HAS ITSELF LINED OUT. (FOR EXAMPLE, IT PROPOSES THE TRANSFER OF AN ORGANISM SUCH AS THE CONFERENCE OF THE

COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NO PERMANENT SECRETARIATE IN GENEVA.)

BASED ON THE EXISTING SEAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE ONCE MORE THE HIGH PRICE IT ATTACHES TO BEING CONSULTED, PRIOR TO ANY DECISIONS WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY TAKE, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, ABOUT TRANSFERS AFFECTING GENEVA, WHERE AN IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN CREATED FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.

AS TO THE QUESTION RAISED AT THE LAST WASHINGTON MEETING (NOVEMBER 29, 1976) BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT ON ALTERNATIVE SWISS PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFERS OUT OF GENEVA, THE SWISS AUTHORITIES FEEL THAT IT IS NOT UP TO SWITZERLAND, AS A NON-MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE FOR SUCH SUGGESTIONS. END QUOTE.

2. PROBST ALSO PROVIDED TEXT OF ANOTHER VERSION OF A RESOLUTION HE SAID MARCUARD WOULD PROPOSE IN TRIPARTITE MEETING IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 3, TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE,

RAPPELANT SES RESOLUTIONS 3350 (XXIX) ET 3529 (XXX),

AYANT EXAMINE LES RAPPORTS DU CORPS COMMUN D'INSPECTION SUR L'UTILISATION DES LOCAUX A USAGE DE BUREAUX DANS LES ORGANISMES DES NATIONS UNIES, A/9854, A/10279, A/10280
AINSI QUE LES RAPPORTS DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL A/C.5/31/17

ET CORR. 1, A/10279/ADD.1 ET A/C.5/31/7 ET CORR. 1,
A/10280/ADD.1 ET LE RAPPORT DU CCQAB A/31/8/ADD.4:

PRENANT ACTE DU RAPPORT DU SECRETAIRE GENERAL SUR
L'UTILISATION DES LOCAUX A USAGE DE BUREAUX ET DES INSTALL-
ATIONS DE CONFERENCE AU CENTRE DU DONAUPARK A VIENNE
(A/C.5/31/34) ET DU RAPPORT DU CCQAB SUR (...TITRE).

NOTANT QUE LE GOUVERNEMENT AUTRICHIEN A OFFERT A L'ORGANI-
SATION DES NATIONS UNIES D'UTILISER LES LOCAUX AUXQUELS
L'AIEA S'EST DECLAREE PRETE A RENONCER DANS LE BATIMENT
DIT TOUR A-2 DU CENTRE DU DONAUPARK,

COMPTE TENU DES BESOINS EN LOCAUX A USAGE DE BUREAUX DE L'
ORGANISATION:

DESIREUSE D'ASSURER L'UTILISATION LA PLUS RATIONNELLE DES
LOCAUX A USAGE DE BUREAUX A DISPOSITION:

TENANT COMPTE DES OBSERVATIONS FORMULEES AU COURS DES
DEBATS:

1. REMERCIE LE GOUVERNEMENT AUTRICHIEN DE SON OFFRE,

2. AUTORISE LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL A ACCEPTER L'OFFICE DU
GOUVERNEMENT AUTRICHIEN D'UTILISER LES LOCAUX DE LA
TOUR A-2,

3. PREND NOTE DU FAIT QUE L'ACCEPTATION DE CETTE OFFRE
PERMET L'AFFECTATION A VIENNE DE 400 A 500 ADMINISTRATEURS
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4. APPROUVE LE PRINCIPE DU "PLAN D'ACTION" DU SECRETAIRE
GENERAL, TEL QUE DEFINI AUX CHIFFRES 11 ET 12 DU RAPPORT
A/C.5/31/34,

5. CONSIDERE QUE DIVERS FACTEURS, TELS CEUX MENTIONNES
AUX CHIFFRES 7 ET 15 DU RAPPORT A/C.5/31/34, SONT SUS-
CEPTIBLES DE MODIFIER LE NOMBRE DES SERVICES QU'IL
APPARAIT ACTUELLEMENT SOUHAITABLE DE TRANSFERER,

6. APPROUVE LA PREMIERE PHASE D'EXECUTION DU PLAN,

7. PRIE LE SECRETAIRE GENERAL DE SOUMETTRE A L'APPROBATION
DE LA XXXIEME ASSEMBLEE GENERALE LES PROPOSITIONS DE
TRANSFERTS RELATIVES A LA DEUXIEME PHASE - AVEC LEURS

INCIDENCES FINANCIERES, ADMINISTRATIVES, OPERATIONNELLES
ET SOCIALES -, APRES AVOIR RECONSIDERE CERTAINES DES
PROPOSITIONS ENVISAGEES SUR LESQUELLES DES OBSERVATIONS
ONT ETE FAITES AU COURS DE DEBATS, ET APRES CONSULTATION
DES ETATS HOTES CONCERNES. END QUOTE

3. PROBST SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT AUSTRIANS HAD PROPOSED A
DIFFERENT SOLUTION AND THAT TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS IN NEW
YORK HAD NOT YET PRODUCED AGREEMENT. PROBST SAID HE HAD
HEARD THAT US, AUSTRIANS AND SWISS IN NEW YORK HAD AGREED
THAT THEY SHOULD TRY TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON A
RESOLUTION BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO WEOG AND COMITE V.

4. TOUSSAINT EMPHASIZED THAT US CONSIDERED IT VERY
IMPORTANT THAT US, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND AGREE ON A
SINGLE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION RE UTILIZATION OF DONAUPARK
SPACE AND SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE
AGREEMENT ON THIS. KISSINGER

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